

**CHAPTER NO. 226**

**SENATE BILL NO. 791**

**By Curtis S. Person, Jr.**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 499**

**By Buck**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-210 and Section 37-1-211, relative to juvenile court clerks.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-210, is amended by inserting the following language after the first sentence and before the second sentence:

No later than July 1, 2006, in those counties in which the general sessions court is also the juvenile court, the clerk of the court of general sessions or the clerk and master shall also serve as the juvenile court clerk, unless otherwise provided by law.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-211, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Nothing in this act shall be construed as affecting special juvenile courts authorized by law or elected juvenile court clerks.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this act shall not apply in any county having a population of not less than sixty-two thousand three hundred (62,300) nor more than sixty-two thousand four hundred (62,400) according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

SECTION 5. The provisions of this act shall not apply in any county having a population of not less than seventeen thousand eight hundred (17,800) nor more than seventeen thousand eight hundred seventy-five (17,875) according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

SECTION 6. The provisions of this act shall not apply in any county having a population of not less than thirty-seven thousand two hundred (37,200) nor more than thirty-seven thousand three hundred (37,300) according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-210, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new subsection (b):

( ) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the clerk who is serving as clerk of the court with juvenile jurisdiction in any county having a population of not less than forty-six thousand eight hundred (46,800) nor more than forty-six thousand nine hundred (46,900) according to the 2000 federal census of population or any subsequent federal census on June 30, 2003, shall continue to serve as the clerk of the court with juvenile jurisdiction after the effective date of this act.

SECTION 8. The provisions of this act shall not apply in counties having a population, according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census of:

not less than:

14,300

27,700

11,369

5,500

nor more than:

14,400

27,800

11,450

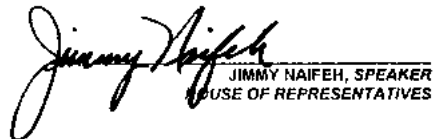
5,600

SECTION 9. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 14, 2003**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2003**

  
PHIL BREDEZEN, GOVERNOR